

Creating a Classroom Wiki

What's a wiki?

A wiki is a web site that lets any visitor become a participant: you can create or edit the actual site contents without any special technical knowledge or tools. All you need is a computer with an Internet connection. A wiki is continuously "under revision." It is a living collaboration whose purpose is the sharing of the creative process and product by many. One famous example is Wiki-pedia, an online encyclopedia with no "authors" but millions of contributors and editors. The word "wiki" comes from Hawaiian language, meaning "quick" or "fast."

How can wikis be used in the classroom?

Group projects: Students work together in one place to research, outline, draft, and edit projects within the wiki

Assignments: Post homework, course materials, study guides, and more.

Resource Collections: Organize articles, websites, videos, and other resources for students

Peer Review: Post questions for student brainstorming, or have students post papers for peer feedback

Group FAQ: Students and/or teachers post and respond to questions on a given topic

Parent Involvement: Give parents a chance to be a part of the classroom and stay up to date on classroom news and events

Online Newspaper: Create a student-published online newspaper

What can you do with a wiki?



Collaborate With Ease

Post text, images, files, and more on your wiki.



Create Student Accounts

Our easy three step process doesn't require email addresses!



Set Privacy

Ensure that only your members can access your wiki's content.



Embed Media

Include video, audio, RSS, and anything else you can imagine!



Customize Your Look

Select from a variety of wiki themes, pick your own colors and logo.

- Visit Wiki Walk-through:
<http://www.teachersfirst.com/content/wiki/>
- View Sample SDP Teacher Wikis:
<http://phillytc.wikispaces.com/SDP+Teacher+Wikis>
- Create a wiki for your classroom:
<http://www.wikispaces.com/content/wiki>
- View Sample Wiki Template – Copy and Paste link in browser
<http://sample-classwiki.wikispaces.com/>

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